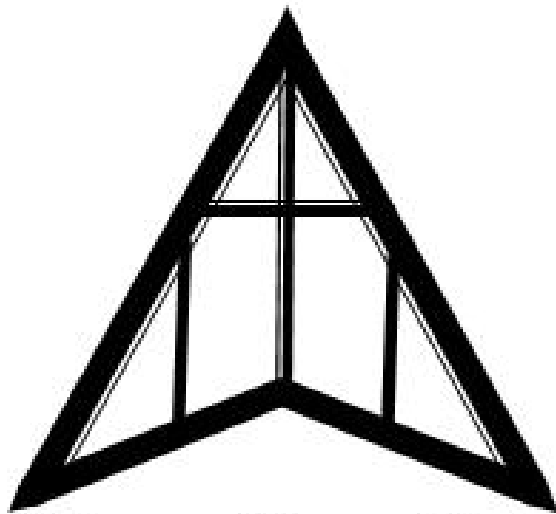


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Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

May 17, 2026
11:00am



Come, Grow, Go!

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 17, 2026
7th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

OPENING VOLUNTARY “This Little Light of Mine”
Celebration Ringers Allan Robert Petker

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive, Psalm 47)*
Worship Leader, Earle Lusk

Leader: Our God has ascended with a mighty shout.

People: The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!

Leader: Come, let’s sing praise to God together,

People: for our God is sovereign over all the earth!

Leader: Let us worship God as we stand and pass the peace of
Christ to one another.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,”
and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

*HYMN #234 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” ST. KEVIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all of creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(1 Timothy 1:15-17)*

Leader: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He who is the fullness of God, of life, of truth, of goodness redeems us and sanctifies us, even when our sin feels too great.

People: God alone has saved us through Jesus Christ; to Him be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

ANTHEM

“Teach Me Your Way, O Lord”

Lloyd Larson

*Teach me your way, O Lord, teach me Your way.
Your guiding grace afford, teach me Your way.
Help me to walk aright, more by faith and less by sight;
Lead me in heavenly light, teach me Your way.*

*When I am sad at heart, teach me your way.
When earthly joys depart, teach me your way.
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
In failure or success, teach me your way.*

*When doubts and fears arise, when storm clouds fill the skies.
Shine through the wind and rain, make now my pathway plain.
Long as my life shall last, teach me your way.
Where'er my lot is cast, teach me your way.
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won, teach me your way.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway, online or through the mail.)

*DOXOLOGY—#606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #462

“I Love to Tell the Story”

HANKEY

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-12 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“He Ascended Into Heaven”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” MONKLAND

**Hail the day that sees him rise, to His throne above the skies.
Christ, awhile to mortals given, reascends his native heaven.**

**There the glorious triumph waits, lift your heads eternal gates.
Christ hath conquered death and sin, take the King of glory in.**

**See! The heaven its Lord receives, yet he loves the earth he leaves.
Though returning to his throne, still he calls the world his own.**

**See! He lifts his hands above. See! He shows the prints of love.
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, blessings on his church below.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Rondeau” Henry Purcell

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist